

## **GOP to try again on linking Keystone XL to highway bill**

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House Republicans are renewing their legislative push to allow the Keystone XL pipeline to cross the U.S.-Canadian border, reacting to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners' plan to expand a pipeline that runs to Canada's Pacific coast.

The GOP lawmakers plan to repeat a previously stalled effort to attach legislation approving that cross-border permit to a sweeping surface transportation bill, according to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's staff. While the effort faces difficult odds, it would serve as the latest attempt by the GOP to overcome the Barack Obama administration's denial of a cross-border permit for the pipeline in January — and another chance to hammer him over a pipeline they insist would create jobs and boost energy security.

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